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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE AUGUST ISSUE OF "DIALOGO SOCIAL" RUNS AN INTERVIEW WITH LEFTIST POLITICAL EXILE JORGE TURNER, FORMER LEADER OF THE VANGUARD OF NATIONAL ACTION CURRENTLY LIVING IN MEXICO. TURNER QUOTED TORRIJOS AS ASSURING HIM OF "A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL EXILES." ACCORDING TO TURNER, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT (WHICH HAS NOT YET APPEARED) SPECIFYING CONDITIONS FOR THE EXILES' RETURN.

2. TURNER RETURNED TO PANAMA IN JULY FOR A BRIEF VISIT, REPORTEDLY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF PANAMANIAN POLITICAL EXILES PREPARING TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TURNER, TORRIJOS QUALIFIED HIS ASSURANCE OF GENERAL AMNESTY BY SAYING THAT SOME EXILES MIGHT NOT BE BENEFICIARIES OF IT, THAT THERE ARE SOME WHO HAD EARNED THE PERSONAL ENMITY OF TORRIJOS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE REGIME.

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3. TURNER STATED THAT THE RETURN OF THE EXILES DEPENDS ON THE GUARANTEES OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR VOICING OPPOSITION TO THE TREATY IF THEY CONSIDER IT PREJUDICIAL TO PANAMA'S INTERESTS. FOR THE EXILES, THE ONLY CORRECT SOLUTION TO THE CANAL ISSUE IS THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. FROM THE CANAL ZONE, TURNER SAID, BUT HE

ALSO CALLED FOR A FUNDAMENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF PANAMANIAN SOCIETY TO ACCOMPANY THE RECOVERY OF THE CANAL.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: SEE REFTEL FOR OTHER MENTION AT HIGH LEVELS OF THE AMNESTY ISSUE. WE EXPECT THAT THE ISSUE WILL ARISE WITH MORE FREQUENCY AS POLITICAL DEBATE IS STIMULATED BY PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE CANAL TREATY.
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